



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

SAFETY ALERT

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WORKING AT TRACK CIRCUITED LEVEL CROSSINGS

A recent incident has highlighted the need to ensure, that where required, Network Rules ANWT 318 and ANPR 715 are adhered to.

The incident involved the “turning off” of emergency Switches at a Level Crossing and undertaking resleepering within the track circuited area. There was no Hand-signaller at the location to protect the crossing.

When works are to be undertaken in a track circuited area for a level crossing, the level crossing MUST be protected.

ANWT 318 states:

“If work can affect the track-circuits for an automatic level crossing, the level crossing must be protected.”

ANPR 715 states:

“Hand-signallers protect Type F level crossings when roadside or pedestrian warning equipment is faulty or cannot be activated”

ACTION:

- Ensure all Employees under your control, are advised of the above incident and the requirements of when working on “track circuited level crossings”
- Place the Safety Alert on display
- Ensure a “sign-off” (for example, a Team Safety Meeting record) is obtained to verify that employees have been briefed on this Safety Alert.